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Enclosed are papers constituting the above patent application which is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 without a signed Declaration. Please accord a filing date and a serial number to such application and inform the undersigned thereof so that a signed Declaration and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) may be duly filed.

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IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

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☒ 4 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
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